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## **PACAF Names Honolulu District Design-Construction Agent of the Year**

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**(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 37-06)** Honolulu District accepted the Pacific Air Forces' (PACAF) 2006 Air Force Agent of the Year for Design - Construction award last week during ceremonies held at PACAF Civil Engineers Conference in the Aloha Conference Center on Hickam Air Force Base.

The annual United States Air Force Agent and Design Excellence Awards program recognizes the outstanding contributions to the Air Force mission made by design and project management professionals around the world.

The PACAF Design - (through) Construction Agent of the Year Award recognizes the agency that provides the most professional management of the design and construction of Air Force projects.

James Bersson, Honolulu Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management, accepted the award Nov. 1 from Col. William Corson, Pacific Air Forces Director of Installation and Mission Support, John Thompson, Engineering Division Chief in the Installation and Mission Support Directorate, Headquarters Pacific Air Forces and Pacific Air Forces Command Architect Russell Ogawa.

"The Honolulu District Corps of Engineers led all PACAF agents in meeting Air Force "Dirtkicker" military construction (MILCON) execution performance metrics, significantly contributing to PACAF leading the Air Force in MILCON execution," Thompson said. "Their close partnering with PACAF and astute program management was essential to developing a way ahead to reprogram and fund over \$16 million in C-17 new mission program project shortfalls."

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“I was honored to accept, on behalf of the District, PACAF's award,” Bersson said. “This is a tremendous accomplishment and true team effort by our staff who worked hard to deliver projects, overcome obstacles and improve communications with our Air Force partner.”

Also at the ceremonies, Honolulu District's Edwin Yago accepted PACAF's Civilian Project Manager of the Year in Construction Award, which recognizes the project manager for exemplary professional management of the construction of Air Force projects.

“Mr. Yago's enthusiasm, outstanding rapport and respect with contractors enabled him to keep the largest hydrant fuels system project in the Pacific Rim on track despite operating under contract novation agreement,” Thompson said during the award presentation. “He successfully coordinated a myriad of activities and details to retrofit a Distributed Common Ground Distribution System in a WWII-era facility posturing Pacific Air Forces for on-time delivery of a key war fighting capability.”

The 2006 Pacific Air Forces award winners become PACAF's nominees for the 2007 Air Force awards.

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